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## From Vicar's Desk

### A Parish that worships meaningfully

(Meaningful worship that leads to transformation, edification and glorification)

Dearly beloved in Christ,

As we have come to the final quarter of the year 2019, let me take this opportunity to thank God Almighty for the manifold blessings we have been receiving from the Lord. This is going to be a busy season for the parish, as we will be observing the Family week, Parish convention, Parish day, Jubilee valedictory and Christmas in this quarter. Diocesan Episcopa has consented to be chief guest for the parish day and Jubilee valedictory function which will be observed conducted on December 8th. Let us pray for Thirumeni as he is completing 30 years of consecration as a bishop and the Diocesan council has chosen Pune centre (Khadki St. John's) as a venue to felicitate Thirumeni on the occasion. Let us all prayerfully participate in it.

I am happy that our land purchase collection is going well. I appeal all the members to work hard to complete the task with your prayerful participation and support. We hope that we would be able to complete the registration of the land by January 2019. Let us us all work together for the same.

Let me take this opportunity to wish everyone a blessed Christmas and happy and prosperous new year. Christmas is a season of love and thanksgiving. Because God so loved the world that he gave his only son Jesus Christ to us, for the redemption of whole world. We must be thankful to God's this immeasurable love that we experience in Jesus' incarnation. Let us worship and celebrate this great love of God in Christ.

May God's peace and joy be with you for ever.  
Yours in Christ's service,

**Shibu Achen**

May God help us all!

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## FAITH DECLARATIONS OF THE MAR THOMA CHURCH

– Rev. Shibu P V , Vicar St. Peter's MTC Pune

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For the sustenance and growth of any community, it is important to have its own history, identity and common values shared by all the members of that community. Church is a community with history, identity and common values or goals. Each member of the community must have in-depth awareness of these in order to participate wholeheartedly in the work of nurturing and building of the Community of God for the Glory of God and for the benefit of entire creation. Let us examine some of the core values and objectives enumerated in the Constitution of the Mar Thoma Syrian Church through the faith proclamation in Part I & II of the Sabha Constitution.

### **The Name 'Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malankara' (Part I- Clause I)**

Our church is named after St. Thomas, one of the twelve apostles of Jesus Christ, believed to have founded the Church at the Malabar Coast of India. Many people raise questions as to 'why are we calling or addressing ourselves as

Syrian Church or Christians'? The Word 'Syrian' is attributed to the Ancient tradition of our Church. Christianity, as we see today, has emerged from three main traditions: Syrian, Latin (Roman), and Bizantian (commonly known as Greek Tradition). Syriac or Aramic is considered as the most ancient of all these traditions. They are closer to the Hebraic and Aramic Culture of Ancient Palestine and Jews. Syriac is a dialect of Aramic which was the common language of the people of Palestine or Middle East after the Babylonian exile. Aramic had been the language of the Jews during the time of Jesus. In the sub-apostolic period, Church Fathers like St. Ephraim wrote their theological interpretation and exhortations in Syriac. The bible used by the ancient Palestine or Middle East was also in Syriac (which is commonly known as Peshita). The Liturgies developed during this period were written in Syriac (either in West Syriac or East Syriac). It is quite obvious that the Church of Malabar (Malankara or later Malanakara) inherited this great ancient tradition as

the cultural, faith and economic exchanges between Middle East and coastal Malabar was strong in the early part of the Christian Era. The name Malankara is added to differentiate between the Syriac Church of Palestine and Syrian Church of Malabar Coast as ours is an indigenous Christian Culture developed in the subcontinent over centuries and it is unique in faith, culture and expression.

### **The Identity of the Church (Part I: Clause 1)**

Mar Thoma Church is part of the One Holy, Catholic (Universal), and Apostolic Church as confessed in the Nicene Creed. The Church is Holy, because it is a set apart community for the Divine purpose which belongs to the Holy God. Moreover, it is the arena or force field of Trinitarian God. The presence of Christ and his spirit makes Church Holy. Church is universal or Catholic because the salvation we received through Christ's atoning sacrifice is for all, not exclusively for one race or one nation. All who accept Jesus as Lord and Saviour are God's children and belong to the family of God, irrespective of their caste, colour, creed or race. Church is Apostolic, as the church is founded on the basis of Apostolic Teaching. Church received the teachings of Jesus through the Apostolic preaching or proclamation. The

Church inherited the blessings of succession or laying on hands from the Apostles. Finally, Church is a called-out-community who is commissioned (sent like an apostle) by Jesus for preaching, teaching and baptizing (i.e., the Apostolic Mission of the Church -Matthew 28:18-20).

### **Worship of God in Trinity (Part I - Clause 2)**

Our Church believes in the Trinitarian God and Christ centered life. Christian church since its establishment, holds firm the affirmation that God is Trinity and Jesus is an incarnation of the second person of Trinity for the purpose of redemption of humankind. It is through Jesus that mystery of Trinity or Godhead is revealed to us.

The Trinitarian understanding of God has great significance to the faith and life of the church and its members. There is a saying that, 'what you worship that you become'. Our God is one, but he is in three persons. It doesn't mean that they are three gods. They are three personalities of one and the same God. Three personalities of God give emphasis to the communitarian aspect of Godhead (as in Genesis 1:26 & John 17:21) He lives in community of three persons and there is no hierarchy in their relationship. 'Mutual indwelling' (or 'Perechosis' in

Greek) based on "Agape Love", which is the foundation of trinitarian relationship. Our God is not an autocratic monster, rather, he is full of love and he gives away his life for others without any selfishness or greed. This trinitarian attribute of God has been acknowledged and glorified in the church through its liturgical tradition. The church and her members must imitate this model of trinity in her communitarian as well as family existence.

### **Bible as basis of faith and doctrine (Part I - Clause 3)**

What is Bible for the Church? Is it something God himself wrote and gave to the people of Faith or is it a record or witness of early believers? Or Can we consider it as a testimony of the people of faith? Yes, a small portion of it Bible was written by God himself (Ex. 32:16), and there are many other portions which God directly uttered to the writers (as in Ezekiel 2:9-10 & Revelations. 21:6). But majority of the writings are from the memory of the people of God, written as a testimony or witness to what they have experienced or witnessed (as in 1 John 1:1-3). However, unlike the claims of Quran and some part of Hindu Vedas (Sruti), Christians never consider the entire books of the bible to be a document dictated by God to a human agent or uttered in the ears of its writers by

God in secrecy. Rather, Christianity believes that the Bible is the record of the testimony of the people who experienced the work of divine salvation in a unique manner. That is why in 1 John 1:1-3, author writes that, "We declare to you what was heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it". Nevertheless, Paul in 2 Timothy 3:16 wrote that "All scripture is divinely inspired by God". Some other translations used the term, "God breathed" instead of divinely inspired which means, the Scripture is document written by humans in human language and culture, but under the inspiration of Holy Spirit. That is how it becomes the Holy book of faith to the church.

### **Tradition of the Church (Part I - Clause 3)**

The word 'Tradition' derived from the Greek word 'paradosis' whose Latin translation for this word being 'traditio'. In Syriac, it is translated as 'Athona', meaning handing over of faith' from one person to other or from one generation to the next generation. For instances, Luke 1: 2 says "just as they handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eye witnesses and servants of the

word". Paul in 2 Thessalonians 2:15, exhorts the church that, "brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter". Here both Luke and Paul are talking about the Christian tradition concerning Jesus before the formation of the scripture in the form of biblical document. These oral and written proclamation or teachings are popularly known as the apostolic teaching. These apostolic teachings are the contents of Bible today.

Mar Thoma Church is a reformed Eastern Church. Thus, like all other reformed churches, we place the Holy Bible, consisting of sixty-six books, as the basis of all matters concerning doctrine and faith. Thus, for us, Bible is the foundation upon which our faith and practices are built. However, Bible is not the only material or tool available for the church to practice faith and to grow to the stature of Jesus Christ. We also do have the written and unwritten 'traditions' of the church, which are complimentary to the Biblical truth and doctrines for the sustenance and growth in Christian life. Nicene Creed, sacraments like Qurbana, Baptism, Marriage, Unction of sick, and other Services are considered as written liturgical traditions of the Church. On the other hand, there are observances of Special days like Sundays, Lents, Dominical

Feasts and other festivals (together known as Christian Calendar) as un-written traditions of the Church. The Sabha Constitution Article-3 concludes with the statement that these liturgies and festivals shall not be abolished any time since the Christian Calendar is based on the life and deeds of Christ's life and ministry. Thus, Mar Thoma Church Tradition seriously takes into account the formation and development of faith life of their members.

Catholic and Orthodox churches, however, give equal weightage to tradition along with Bible as the basis for their faith and doctrines. Their argument is based on the fact that Bible itself is part of tradition that evolved within church, and therefore Bible and tradition (both written and unwritten) goes hand-in-hand in the life of Church and its believers. However, Mar Thoma Church does not completely disagree with this argument as there was a period in history, where Bible was not available as it is available today. Then the traditions of the church were considered more important than knowing the biblical truths. Many a times traditions of the church contradicted the Biblical teachings. At this juncture, the reformation of the church began, where the reformers argued for the supremacy of Bible over tradition and the correction or removal of

tradition on the basis of Scriptural truth. Ever since the reformation of the Malankara Church, Mar Thoma Church took into account only those traditions which are in conformity with the Biblical doctrines or truth. Moreover, these traditions are considered as secondary tools, i.e., only next to the bible, for the faith and practices of the church. Mar Thoma Church considers the mentioned liturgical traditions and unwritten traditions as the practical and interpretative application of Biblical truth.

However, we should note that the Pentecostal neo-Pentecostal or Congregational churches are very critical about the old denominations as they all follow traditions (both written and unwritten) handed on to them by the church fathers over centuries. However, if you closely look into the faith and practices of Pentecostal churches, you may observe that these churches too, follow or have developed traditions, such as 'Pentecostal tradition' for the last 500 years which promotes, adult baptism, speaking in tongues, miraculous healing etc. In addition to that, some of the common Christian beliefs such as Bible has 66 books (who finalized this number?), God is in Trinity (do you see this term Trinity in Bible?) observances of Sunday as worship day of Christians (do the Bible say that we should worship God on Sundays?).

From the above we can conclude that, tradition is not bad term as many considers. On the other hand, traditions are essential for any community for its survival and growth. Christians need tradition in addition to the Bible to carry forward the practical aspect of faith to the future generations. However, all traditions must be subject to scrutiny on the basis of Biblical truth.

### **Ministry of the Church (Part I - Clause 3 & Part II - Clause 5)**

Mar Thoma Church has Constitutionally recognized three-fold ministries of the church. They are: Episcopa, Priest and Deacon. In the early church, Apostles ordained elders (Presbyteroi in Greek) to tend the flock of God in charge of them (1 Peter 5:1). It is from this arrangement that the Office of Presbyter or Priest and Episcopos emerged. Episcopos (Episkpeo) were ordained with the responsibility of overseeing (1 Timothy 3:1; Titus 1:7) and Deacons or (Diakonai in Greek) were appointed with general responsibility of the services such as serving the table, preaching the word of God, and serving the needy (Acts 6:2; Acts 11:29; 1 Timothy 3:8-9).

The three-fold ministry in the Constitution does not limit the ministries of the church to three mentioned categories. The

following points may be helpful to understand more about the various ministries and offices in the Church:

1. The ministry of the church is the continuation of the apostolic ministry of Christ himself (Apostle means 'one who is sent' by God for a mission).

2. New Testament gives ample number of evidences for the three-fold character of ministry established in the early church in line with the Ministry of Christ and apostles. They are: Apostolic, priestly, and diakonal. These ministries derived from the character of threefold ministry of Christ viz., Christ the apostle, Christ the High Priest; Christ the servant (diakonos).

3. While the whole church is apostolic. having an apostolate or the mission of God to witness to the saving work of God in Christ, there is within them a particular group to perform a specialized task or apostolic ministry of pastoral oversight, preaching, teaching and administering of sacraments (Ephesians 4:11; I Corinthians 12:27-31)

4. All ministerial Offices mentioned are the gifts from God to the church to equip the saints for the work of Ministry and for building up the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:12-16)

5. All Christian men and women are priests of God (Rev.1:6

; 5:10 ; 20:6). Their priesthood is to and on behalf of the whole creation (I Peter 2:9).

6. Christian ministry is a participation in the work of God (fellow workers of God as mentioned in I Corinthians 3:9), and participation in the diakonia (or servant ministry) of Christ (Mark 10:38; Colossians 1:24).

7. The distinctive mark of Christian ministry is servant hood, because the church assumed the role of a servant (Mark 10:45; Philippians 2:7)

8. Mar Thoma Church, as reformed eastern church, believes in the 'representative priesthood' (not the mediator priesthood like in Judaism and Catholic faith), i.e., priest is someone who represents the whole ministry of the church.

#### **Mission and goal of the Church (Part I - Clause 4)**

Church is a community entitled with the responsibility of ministry and Mission entrusted on her by Christ. As an apostolic (sent out) people, it cannot be an inward looking community, let alone looking after the interest of its members or its body. The ministry of the church is to equip the believers (addressed as saints; Ephesians 4:12-16) to continue the salvific work of God inaugurated in Christ. The aim and purpose of the church is the redemption

of entire creation (i.e., inclusive of humanity and the world; John 3:16 & Romans 8: 18-23). Thus Christ commissioned the church (Matthew 28:18-10 & Acts 1:8) with the responsibility of preaching, teaching and healing (Matthew 4:23; 9:35; 10:5-17). What the church proclaim or do on behalf of Christ or God's Kingdom must be in conformity to the Apostolic teachings and doctrines. Therefore, Christians should have thorough knowledge and firm conviction on Biblical truth and doctrines handed on to them through the apostolic teachings. Church celebrates the

sacraments and preacher teach the the word of God and heal the sick who are afflicted with infirmities, as sign and arrival of the Kingdom of God. All these ministries are done with the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

Let the above insights on the faith declaration of the church prompt all the readers to go further deep into the history, faith and identity of the church, so that our faith life would be enriched further for the Glory of God and for the redemption of entire creation. May God continue to guide us.

## **St Peter's Choir: 50 Glorious Years of Melodious praise and singing**

– Mrs. Serah Jacob (Choir Secretary)

Twenty first July 2019 was a red-letter day in the history of the St Peter's Mar Thoma Parish, Pune, as we witnessed the finale of Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Church Choir. The Floral bouquets adorned the altar and surroundings, we sang for joy and we said to each other, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad" (Psalm 126:2-3). The Church Choir epitomized grace and elegance in their grand, flowing, angelic robes.

Rt. Rev. Joseph Mar Barnabas

Episcopa (Thiruvanthapuram – Kollam Diocese) was the chief guest for the occasion and the main celebrant of Holy Communion. Rev. C Thomas and Rev. Shibu P Varghese assisted Thirumeni in the Holy Communion service.

Seven of our Sunday School boys were dedicated as Altar boys by Thirumeni during the service.

The presence of Sunday School children in large numbers in the church pleased Thirumeni; His

Grace also serves as the President of Mar Thoma Sunday School Samajam and acknowledged and appreciated their presence. His Lordship spoke on the liturgical theme as per church lectionary “Theological education that forms the faith community”.

After the Holy Communion service, the valedictory function of Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Church Choir commenced with presidential and welcome speech by Rev Shibu P Varghese, our Vicar. Achen recalled the contributions of Thirumeni as Diocesan bishop who had provided laudable leadership to the Delhi – Mumbai Diocese from 2001 to 2008 and spiritual leadership for the Mar Thoma Church as whole. The Vicar mentioned that Thirumeni is very keen to be a ‘Meditation Guru’ in the Syrian Church tradition and His Lordship specially takes note of the noble tradition of the Church. Thirumeni was able to provide a new awakening and vigour to the Mar Thoma church by highlighting the traditions and heritage of the church especially in worship and liturgy through his teachings and publications.

Thirumeni was felicitated by both the Parish and the Church Choir for his trifecta of milestones: 70 years of life, 46 years of ordained ministry and 26 years since his Episcopal Consecration.

The Church Secretary, Mr. Varghese Mathew, in his felicitation speech, reminded the congregation that Thirumeni was previously our Diocesan Bishop. His Lordship had blessed the commencement of the construction of our church building on 18 Jan 2007. Mr Varghese Mathew also thanked Thirumeni for his leadership, guidance and advice rendered during the construction of the church and in the activities related to the Maharashtra Mission and commencement of Regional Conventions in Pune Mumbai and Gujarat centers.

His lordship shared the joy of the 25th year of Episcopal consecration Jubilee by cutting the cake and sharing with children. A beautiful memento of a marble painting of the last supper was presented to Thirumeni by parish Vice President Mr E.P Jacob, a caricature of Thirumeni by Mr Philip Mathew (Joel).

The former choir leaders Mr PK Kurien, Mr P J Abraham and Mr Abraham Thomas were felicitated by the Choir. Mrs. Rachel Jose, Choir Leader, appreciated and acknowledged the tireless efforts of the pioneers of the Choir. In recognition of their contribution, Thirumeni presented them with a shawl and memento. The Choir Leader pointed out the providential care and mentioned that the choir which started with handful of

singers, now has a strength of 51 singers.

Thirumeni, graciously inaugurated the official YouTube Channel of St. Peters Mar Thoma Choir christened as Voice of providence (Karuthalin shabdham ). We are delighted to mention that the lyrics of song was composed by Mrs. Rachel Jose and music was given by Mr Jobin Varghese.

E directory of the parish was launched by Thirumeni and congratulated the team consisting of Mr Sumith M Idicula, Mr Mon C Varghese, Mr John George, Mr Mathews Jacob, Mr Alex Daniel, and Mr Cherry Abraham.

Rt. Rev. Joseph Mar Barnabas Episcopa in his response appreciated the melodious singing of the choir and also acknowledged his gratitude for all the love and respect bestowed on him by the

parish.

The Vote of thanks was proposed by the Choir Secretary Mrs Serah Jacob.

Finally the choir members are fortunate and grateful to be a part of this yearlong Jubilee celebration that ended on such a high note. The meeting concluded with love feast sponsored by choir members and well-wishers.

One of the greatest minds of his time, Isaac Newton, was once asked about how he came up with his laws of gravity. In his typical humility he replied, “If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of Giants”. In much the same way, we the present members of St Peters Mar Thoma Choir, owe whatever we are today, to those who trod this path before us. Praise be to God!

## DEDICATION OF ALTAR BOYS

The following children were dedicated as Altar boys by Rt Rev Joseph Mar Barnabas Episcopa on 21st July 2019

Aaron Mathew, Noel Mathews, Joel George Thomas, Neil Chandy, Shawn Shibu, Martin Rajan, Aaron Thomas. The parish prays for the Altar boys to be rooted in Christ and grow up in the love of Christ to become stronger witness in the journey of life.

Thirumeni blessed the Altar Boys of our church. He reiterated and acknowledged their contribution to the worship service. The Altar Boys are the unsung heroes of our church. They work punctually and tirelessly to make sure our service is both beautiful and meaningful.

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## How to equip oneself as a dedicated Sunday school teacher: Sunday School Teachers' Retreat

– Mrs. Sarah Koshy, (Secretary Sunday School)

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An interactive session was held on July 12, 2019 for the Sunday School teachers at 7.30 PM at church. Mr. Paul Joseph (Dinu) and his wife Preeti led the session. They are members of the Singapore Mar Thoma Church. The session was presided over by our Vicar Rev. P.V. Shibu. The welcome address was given by Mrs. Lucy John, Sunday School Head Mistress followed by the Presidential Address by our Vicar and the Vote of thanks by the Sunday School Secretary Mrs. Sarah Koshy. Mr. Paul Joseph spoke on the challenges of the Sunday School and how to make Sunday

school more interactive and how to equip oneself as a dedicated Sunday school teacher. Mr. Paul Joseph stressed on certain facets like quiet time with God, how to channelize our talents into Godly service, and how to have an open discussion with the students. He also introduced the teachers to a software which could be utilized to closely knit together the parents, students and teachers together to secure a better future for our students. The session ended with a token of appreciation for Mr. Paul Joseph and family followed by dinner.

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## “Linking two worlds’ challenges and opportunities while we practice faith in a Diaspora”: Young couples fellowship

– Mrs. Sarah Koshy

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The Young Couples fellowship organized a meeting on July 13, 2019 at 6.00 PM with Mr. Paul Joseph and his wife Mrs Preeti on the topic “Linking two worlds: challenges and opportunities while we practice faith in a diaspora”.

25 couples registered for the fellowship. The fellowship was presided by our Vicar Rev P.V. Shibu. Singing session was well coordinated and assisted by the vibrant youth of our church viz. Jobin Joseph, Navin John, Cherry Roy

and Ajesh Abraham. The gathering was welcomed by Mrs. Jeena Vinod. The presidential address was rendered by our Vicar. The context of diaspora was and a wide comparison of three generations both in Singapore and Pune were discussed. Solutions to certain problems were also brainstormed. Mr. Paul Joseph threw his valuable thoughts on how small fellowships would increase the bonding among all the church members and lessen the gap among all generations. Spending quality time with one's

own children, using couples for different ministries of the church, devoting more time to God, and using technology to bridge the gaps among the members of the church. He also stressed on how we as individuals can make a difference in this church. A sharing session was also held. The vote of thanks was rendered by Mrs. Anita Mathew. A token of appreciation was gifted to the Guest of Honor on the occasion of the church completing 75 years. The session ended with a fellowship dinner.

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## DAUND MISSION UPDATES

– Thomas Varghese & Abraham Varghese

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The Edavaka mission members visited the Daund mission field on 11th August. It was the first visit after the arrival of the new evangelist Parasuram in June. The Edavaka mission members attended the Sunday school and worship session. Thereafter, we visited the houses of the seekers, praying for the sick. There are patients who are being getting proper treatment with hospitalization and medical care, but the guardians are unable to leave work to attend to their loved ones in the hospital for long.

Let us remember Ms. Mangla in our prayers and pray that the doors will open, and God's glory will be revealed. Also, Gotya and Kamini request our prayers in their family life for blessings. Evangelist Parasuram is visiting new families in the vicinity. Let's pray for more people to know the way of the Lord.

## Who am I? Why am I here? Why are we here? What do we do next?

– Prof K.C Abraham and Ms Rhea Mathew

(from Retreat of Executive Committee & Committees of all Organizations and Prayer Groups of our Parish)

Retreat of Executive Committee & Committees of all Organizations and Prayer groups of our Parish was held on 28.07.2019 at 6 PM at St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church, Pune. Rev. K. P. Johnson, Vicar of Immanuel Mar Thoma church, Vishranthwadi was the key speaker of the retreat session.

The retreat opened with a singing session, followed by prayer and Bible reading. Our Vicar Rev. P.V. Shibu gave the welcome speech, which started with a briefing of the theme of the retreat - "The Parish that worships meaningfully". He then reflected on the achievements of Rev. K.P. Johnson Achen in Vasai Mar Thoma Parish, where he succeeded to establish a participating community through prayer and self-help. Shibu Achen explained that in the modern times worship is losing its real meaning and is becoming monotonous. He emphasized on the need to worship meaningfully.

In his scholarly and thought-provoking address Rev. K. P. Johnson established the real meaning of worshipping God. Reminding all present of having divine responsibilities entrusted to them and the need for them to self-introspect. He referred to the now famous email of the CEO of Microsoft- Mr. Satya Nadella sent to his employees about himself. After completion of many years as CEO he writes about the importance of asking ourselves the following question –

**1) Who am I? 2) Why am I/we here? 3) What do we do next?**

David reiterated on the above questions when he was chosen as the new king of Israel. Achen then quoted the example of Joshua who was selected by Moses as his successor. He had forty years of experience with the Israelites in slavery, forty years of life in wilderness and thirty years of life in the promised land. He had

experience, curiosity and hunger for learning and the urge to change the life of the people believing in the importance of living to work for the good of others. As the fighter of independent Israelite, Joshua purified himself so that God remained with him (Joshua 3:6). This faithfulness and obedience to God should be our aim to follow. He even emphasized on the fact that we have lost our leadership abilities not just in our church, but also in our homes. So just as the priests lifted the "Ark of God" and led the people, we too need to lift our 'Ark'- The Bible and hold it close to our hearts and lead our children into doing the same.

Achen reflected on the qualities of Joshua which can help us become good leaders in all walks of our lives:

1) **Man of Humility:** He served Moses willingly and did it with humility. In the same way, we are called to serve our Lord and we are asked to do it in a humble way.

2) **Man of faith:** Joshua and Caleb had faith that the promised land could be inherited. So, will all the committee members have faith that all plans and projects undertaken can be accomplished if we work together. What is impossible in our sight is possible in God's sight, as he is the Architect of

our projects.

3) **Man of God:** God gave commands to Moses and he passed those commands to Joshua, which in turn was obeyed by him and he did what he was asked to. How much do we adhere to the word of God?

4) **Man of Prayer:** we need to spend time in prayer even amidst trials. Earlier 'Prayer' was a must, now it's become a choice.

5) **Man who puts God First:** We need to prioritize God above everything else. But we fail to do so in our daily lives.

Lastly, Achen mentioned that we all need to possess these qualities and bring about a change so that we make an impact on other's lives.

The motivational speech of Rev KP Johnson was appreciated by all who attended the meeting. It was an energizing experience.

The retreat concluded by the 'Vote of thanks' by the Vice President of St Peter's Mar Thoma Church, Mr. E.P Jacob followed by dinner.



## Appreciation to E-directory Team!

On 21<sup>st</sup> July 2019, the e-Directory of our church was inaugurated by Rt. Rev. Joseph Mar Barnabas Episcopa. By doing so, our church took its first green initiative, making it extremely convenient to access the information of our church and its members. The e-Directory application is available on both Apple Store and Android Play Store as well as a website too. You can now contact any member through text message, email or a phone call directly from the app in your mobile device. You can even update any changes required in your details, which will reflect immediately.

We have till date 180+ active installations and on an average 25 members accessing the e-Directory daily for reaching out to other members in the parish and so on. The directory now has a feature wherein, we can send an email to all our members simultaneously which is a first for our church. Hence, it is important on our part to keep our email IDs updated, to receive all the relevant emails pertaining to us. Privacy is important to us and so this app is password protected which you would be creating during the login creation process.

We would like to thank the e-Directory team which consists of the following members who worked hard to get this project done in a record time: Sumith Idiculla, Moncy Varghese, Mathews Jacob, Cherry Abraham, Alex Daniel and John George.

We would also like to thank our Vicar, our parish's vice president, secretary and all area committee members for assisting us to complete this process in a timely manner.

Details of the application as below

- Search for "InstantChurchDirectory" on both Android Play Store & Apple Store
- Follow the login process to create your login and set your password.
- Your email id must be registered with us for you to login.
- If you do not have a mobile device then access website members.instantchurchdirectory.com

If you would like any information to be updated or corrected or for any help, please send an email to e-Directory support at directory.stpetersmarthomapune@gmail.com.

**-eDirectory Team**

## Land Purchase Update

***"I appeal to you brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you may agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you. But that you be perfectly united in mind and thought."***  
1 Corinthians 1:10

### Praise the Lord!

By the grace of our Lord, the second installment for the land purchase was paid in the second week of September 2019.

As per the terms of the land purchase agreement, we need to pay an additional sum of INR 1 Crore to conclude the deal. This is possible only through your generous financial support. Our request to each earning member from each family is to donate at least one month's income that we earn through salary or pension and/or any other source of income.

We are grateful to all those who have already contributed and continue to contribute by means

of installments; and to those who have donated more than one month income. Pledge forms are available wherein each one can indicate the donation amount and dates of installments which will be of great help for the Finance team to plan the future payments.

The Land Acquisition as we all know, is very vital for our church's existence and future growth.

Kindly donate generously at the earliest.

May God bless us all!

**Executive Committee**  
**Mar Thoma St. Peter's Parish**

**Note:** Amount of donations can be sent directly to church bank account and the details which are noted below. Please inform Trustee the details of your online transfer.

Mar Thoma St Peters Parish  
Catholic Syrian Bank Account No: 023001216473190001  
IFSC Code: CSBK0000230

*Please inform Trustee the details of on-line transfer.*

### Lectionary (October – December 2019)

| DATE  | 1 <sup>ST</sup> AND 2 <sup>ND</sup> LESSONS | EPISTLE AND GOSPEL              |
|---|---|---------------------------------|
| <b>OCTOBER 2019</b>   |   |                                 |
| 06-Oct: Priesthood of the Believers (Voluntary Evangelist's Day)  | Isa 6:1-11<br>1Pet 2:1-10                   | 1Thess 5:12-22<br>John 17:9-20  |
| 13-Oct: Solidarity with differently abled (Day for the differently abled)   | 2Sam 9:1-13<br>Acts 9:32-35                 | 2Cor 12:1-10<br>Mark 3:1-6      |
| 20-Oct: Youth: God's expectation Youth Sunday   | Dan 1:1-15<br>Acts 6:1-7                    | Titus 2:1-14<br>Mark 10:17-22   |
| 27-Oct: Family: Place for faith formation Family Dedication Day   | 1Sam 1:19-28<br>Eph 3:14-21                 | Eph 6:1-9<br>Luke 2:41-52       |
| <b>NOVEMBER 2019</b>  |   |                                 |
| 03-Nov: Kudosh Eetho- Sanctification of the Church Beginning of the Liturgical Year; Children: Expectation of God World Sunday School | Judg 13:1-14<br>Heb 11:17-27                | 1John 3:1-10<br>Luke 18:15-17   |
| 10-Nov: Hudosh Eetho-Renewal of the Festival of Unity of Communion of Churches in India-CCI( CSI, CNI, MTC) "Called to Unite"         | Ezek 37:15-23<br>1Cor 12:12-27              | Eph 4:1-13<br>John 17:21-26     |
| 17-Nov: Annunciation to Zechariah   | 1Chr 24:1-19<br>Rev 8:1-5                   | Heb 5:1-10<br>Luke 1:5-23       |
| 24-Nov: Annunciation to Virgin Mary   | Exod 3:1-15<br>Acts 9:1-15                  | Heb 2:5-10<br>Luke 1:26-38      |
| <b>DECEMBER 2019</b>  |   |                                 |
| 01-Dec: Beginning of 25 Days Lent-Visitation of Virgin Mary to Elizabeth, Sharing of Good News  | Isa 40:1-8<br>Jas 1:19-25                   | 1Thess 1:1-10<br>Luke 1:39-45   |
| 08-Dec: Birth of John the Baptist   | 1Kgs 19:1-21<br>Rev 10:1-11                 | Gal 1:11-17<br>Luke 1:57-66     |
| 15-Dec: Annunciation to Joseph  | Isa 7:10-17<br>1Pet 3:8-16                  | Titus 2:11-15<br>Matt 1:18-23   |
| 21-Dec: Mar Thoma Church Day  | Joel 2:11-17<br>1Cor 1:18-25                | Phil 3:12-21<br>John 1:1-7      |
| 22-Dec: Sunday before Christmas "Our Lord Comes"  | Isa 11:1-10<br>1John 4:7-21                 | Rom 1:8-17<br>John 1:1-14       |
| 25-Dec: Yaldo: Feast of Nativity A New Dawn Grace upon Grace  | Isa 9:1-7<br>Heb 1:1-14                     | 2Tim 2:8-13<br>Luke 2:1-20      |
| 29-Dec: Christ the Hope of Glory  | Zech 14:1-5<br>Acts 1:6-11                  | 1Thess 4:13-18<br>Matt 24:32-44 |
| 31-Dec: Year Ending Watch Night Service-"Taste and See the Lord is Good   | Deut 8:1-20<br>Heb 12:1-13                  | 1Pet 5:6-11<br>John 7:37-42     |

### Worship Assistance

October – December 2019

| DATE   | WORSHIP ASSISTANCE MADHBAHA           | EVENT                       | ORGANISATION / AREA | NAME OF 1 <sup>ST</sup> & 2 <sup>ND</sup> LESSON READERS |
|--------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|--|
| OCT 6  | Joseph M Varghese<br>V S Varghese     | Voluntary Evangelists' Day  | Edavaka Mission     | Jesudas Peter<br>Ancy Thomas                             |
| Oct 13 | T V Varghese<br>Dr George Cherian     |                             | Wanowrie            | P J Abraham<br>Rony John                                 |
| Oct 20 | Nibin John<br>Philip Mathew (Jessu)   | Youth Sunday (English)      | Yuvajana sakhyaam   | Ajesh Mathew<br>Sharon Philip                            |
| Oct 27 | Joseph M Varghese<br>T V Varghese     | Family Sunday               | Families            | Jacob Thomas<br>Roshni Mary Koshy                        |
| Nov 03 | T V Varghese<br>Sabu Cherian          | World Sunday School Day     | Sunday school       | Allan Thomas<br>Rona Susan Ranjit                        |
| Nov 10 | George Thomas<br>Joseph M Varghese    |                             | Camp                | Rohan Easow<br>Annie George                              |
| Nov 17 | Thomas Mathew<br>Molakkal, Job Thomas | English                     | Yuvajana Sakhyaam   | Martin Rajan<br>Rhea Alex                                |
| Nov 24 | Jose Philip<br>T V Varghese           | Ingathering                 | Fatima nagar        | Shaji Chacko<br>Rachel Jose                              |
| Dec 1  | Joseph M Varghese<br>Abraham Varghese |                             | Ghorpuri            | Alex Joseph<br>Daniel Remya Alex                         |
| Dec 08 | T V Varghese<br>Joseph M Varghese     | Parish day & Jubilee finale | Jubilee & Executive | Moncy Mathew<br>Valsa Joseph                             |
| Dec 15 | Benny Varghese<br>Job Mathew          | English                     | Yuvajana Sakhyaam   | Austin Benu<br>Anu Jesudas                               |
| Dec 21 | Joseph M Varghese<br>T V Varghese     | Sabha dinam                 |                     | Anish Abraham<br>SarammaVarghese                         |
| Dec 22 | K G Jacob<br>Joseph M Varghese        |                             | Hadapsar            | V C Mathew<br>Deepa Shiju                                |
| Dec 25 | T V Varghese<br>C. Kunjumon           | Christmas                   | Kondhwa             | Thampikkutty P S<br>Aneyamma Thampikkutty                |
| Dec 29 | Joseph M Varghese<br>V I Mathew       |                             | Magarpatta          | Mathews Jacob<br>Anitha Mathews                          |
| Dec 31 | T V Varghese<br>Sumith M Idicula      | Watchnight service          | NIBM                | V Mathew<br>Nimmy Varghese                               |

## Area Prayer Schedule

October – December 2019

| DATE                 | DAY      | NAME                           | AREA          |
|----------------------|----------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>OCTOBER 2019</b>  |          |                                |               |
| Oct 6                | Sunday   | <i>Will be announced later</i> | Kondhwa       |
| Oct 8                | Tuesday  | Samuel Kutty D                 | Hadapsar      |
| Oct 9                | Wed      | Philip Thomas                  | NIBM          |
| Oct 11               | Friday   | Awaited                        | Fatimanagar   |
| Oct 13               | Sunday   | Chacko Koshy                   | Vadagaonsheri |
| Oct 16               | Wed      | Alex Jacob                     | Sinhagad Road |
| Oct 19               | Saturday | Benjamin Ephraim               | Wanowrie      |
| Oct 20               | Sunday   | Tharian Koshy                  | Camp          |
| Oct 26               | Saturday | Abraham Varghese (Sunil)       | Ghorpuri      |
| Oct 27               | Sunday   | <i>Will be announced later</i> | Magarpatta    |
| <b>NOVEMBER 2019</b> |          |                                |               |
| Nov 3                | Sunday   | Biju Abey Oommen               | Kondhwa       |
| Nov 8                | Friday   | T V Varghese                   | Fatimanagar   |
| Nov 10               | Sunday   | Abraham Daniel                 | Vadgaonsheri  |
| Nov -12              | Tuesday  | Benny Varghese                 | Hadapsar      |
| Nov 13               | Wed      | Sissy Oommen                   | NIBM          |
| Nov 15               | Friday   | K C Geevarghese                | Hadapsar      |
| Nov -16              | Saturday | Manoj Eapen Kottil             | Wanowrie      |
| Nov 17               | Sunday   | John Thomas                    | Camp          |
| Nov 20               | Wed      | Thomas Varghese                | Sinhagad      |
| Nov 23               | Saturday | Kunjamma Jacob                 | Ghorpuri      |
| Nov 24               | Sunday   | P M Mathew                     | Magarpatta    |

### Sevika Sangham Prayer Meeting at 5 pm

|        |     |                    |                           |
|--------|-----|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Oct 9  | Wed | Mrs Valsa Jose     | Fathima Nagar / Wanowrie  |
| Oct 19 | Sat | Mrs Mary Zacheria  | Ghorpuri                  |
| Nov 13 | Wed | Mrs Susan Abraham  | Fatima Nagar / Wanowrie   |
| Nov 16 | Sat | Mrs Kunjamma Jacob | Ghorpuri                  |
| Nov 2  | Sat | Church             | Combined meeting at 4 p.m |

## Events / Accomplishments OF THE PREVIOUS QUARTER ENDED SEPT. 2019

| DATE      | DAY     | ACTIVITY  |
|-----------|---------|---|
| 6 July    | Sat     | Inauguration of Pune Centre Sevika Sangham for the year 2019-2020 was held at Ebenezer MTC Dehu Road  |
| 7 July    | Sun     | Students Thanksgiving Service was conducted. St. Thomas day was celebrated under the auspices of Pune St Thomas Ecumenical Association at St Mary's Orthodox Syrian Church, Ghorpuri. Our Vicar and a good number of parish members attended the meeting. Our choir presented a melodious song compiled by Mrs. Rachel Lovely Jose for St. Thomas day and the same was appreciated by the audience. |
| 12 July   | Fri     | Sunday school teachers retreat was held on 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2019. Mr. Paul Joseph and wife Mrs. Preeti Joseph (Singapore MTC) were the leaders   |
| 13 July   | Sat     | Young Couple Fellowship was conducted on 13 <sup>th</sup> July. Mr. Paul Joseph and wife Mrs. Preeti Joseph (Singapore MTC) led the session.  |
| 21 July   | Sun     | Choir Golden Jubilee – Grand Finale<br>Chief Guest Rt. Rev. Joseph Mar Barnabas Episcopa<br>Dedication of altar boys; E-directory was launched  |
| 28 Jul    | Sun     | Retreat of Executive Committee & Committees of all Organizations and Prayer groups of our Parish was held on 28 <sup>th</sup> July at St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church, Pune. Rev. K P Johnson, Vicar of Immanuel Mar Thoma Church, Vishranthwadi was the leader of the retreat   |
| 30 July   | Tues    | Diocesan Assembly meeting was held St. Paul's MTC Vashi. Rev. Shibu P Varghese, Vicar along with Assembly members, Mr. Sumith M Idcula and Mrs. Susamma Mathew attended the meeting. Mr. Sumith provided a brief report of the proceedings of the assembly meeting to the parish  |
| 4 Aug     | Sun     | Mission Sunday was observed / Edavaka Mission members assisted in worship and Evangelist C.A. Easow of Mar Thoma Evangelist association delivered the message and narrated the activities of mission work done by MTEA in various parts of the country. Aanduvari pirivu was also conducted   |
| 10-12 Aug | Sat-Mon | Diocesan Annual Camp was held at Nadiad, Gujarat  |
| 15 Aug    | Thur    | Independence Day was celebrated by our parish. Our vicar Rev. Shibu P. Varghese hoisted the National Flag and led a special prayer for the country. Achen also delivered the Independence Day message. The presence of Yuvajana Sakhyam members in good number added vigor to the function.   |

| DATE       | DAY       | ACTIVITY   |
|------------|-----------|--|
| 15 Aug     | Thurs     | Visit of mission field by Yuvajana sakhyam members– 17 of our Yuvajana Sakayam members visited the Chakan mission field which was organized by Pune Centre Yuvajana Sakhyam  |
| 17 Aug     | Sat       | Centre Sevika Sangham Leaders Retreat was held at Bethel MTC Malad. Office bearers of our Sevika Sangham attended the retreat  |
| 18 Aug     | Sun       | Diocesan Sunday was observed. Rev C. John, Vicar of St John’s MTC Khadki celebrated the Holy Communion Service. Achen elaborated the activities of the Mumbai diocese and exhorted parish members to donate generously for the Diocesan Development Fund. Our vicar was deputed to Immanuel MTC, Vishrantwadi as a part of pulpit exchange.  |
| 12-14 Sept | Thurs-Sat | Our Vicar Rev. Shibu P. Varghese and Sabha Pratinidhi Mandalam members Mr. T.C. Benjamin IAS(Retd.) and Mrs. Mini Thomas attended the Sabha Prahinidhi Mandalam at Thiruvalla. Mrs Mini Thomas provided a brief of the proceedings of Sabha Pratinidhi Mandalam to the parish.   |
| 1 Sept     | Sun       | Education Sunday observed  |
| 7 Sept     | Sat       | Centre Meeting St Johns MTC, Kirkee  |
| 8 Sept     | Sun       | Sevika Sangham Dinam was observed. Sevika Sangham members assisted in the worship service. Mrs. Marykutty Abraham of our parish shared from word of God  |
| 15 Sept    | Sun       | Senior Citizens Sunday – senior citizens assisted in worship service. Mr Varghese Mathew shared from the word of God. Yuvajana Sakhyam members–felicitated senior citizens and presented them with a gift and chocolates. Mr Ajesh Abraham has given the felicitation speech while Mr Amos Jose Kuruvilla recited a poem. Parish is grateful to Yuvajana Sakhyam members for their good gesture. |
| 26–27 Sept | Thu-Fri   | Diocesan Clergy Conference – Kamshet   |
| 29 Sept    | Sun       | Koinonia Sunday at St Thomas MTC Pimpri  |

**INGATHERING**

**“Bring one item, Bid one item”**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Nov., 2019 at 10.30 a.m.**

*Proceeds will be utilized for land purchase.*  
*Lunch will be provided.*  
*(Holy communion service at 8.00 a.m.)*

**Forthcoming Events**

| DATE                 | DAY                                 | ORGANISATION               | ACTIVITY   |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| <b>OCTOBER 2019</b>  |                                     |                            |  |
| 2 Oct                | Wed                                 |                            | Navajeevan Silver Jubilee Celebration  |
| 5 Oct                | Sat                                 | Pune Centresevika Sangahm  | Pune Centre Sevika Sangahm One Day Conference  |
| 6 Oct                | Sun                                 | Edavaka Mission            | Voluntary Evangelist’s Day– Singing Competition  |
| 13-16 Oct            | Sun                                 | Pune Centre Sevika Sangham | Pune Centre Sevika Sangham-C Picnic/ Mission visit   |
| 13 Oct               | Sun                                 | Parish                     | Quiz Competition   |
| 19 Oct               | Sat                                 | Yuvajana Sakhyam           | One Day Conference @ 7.00 pm   |
| 21-23 Oct            | Mon-Wed                             |                            | Pune Centre Senior Citizens Camp Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth, Papal seminary, Ramwadi   |
| 20 Oct               | Sun                                 | Yuvajana Sakhyam           | Youth Sunday   |
| 20-27 Oct            |                                     |                            | Family Week starts – Evening Fellowship meetings to be conducted in all areas  |
| 27 Oct               | Sun                                 | Family Sunday              |  |
| 28-31 Oct            | Mon-Thu                             | Sunday School              | Vacation Bible School  |
| October              | <i>Date will be announced later</i> | Choir                      | Get Together   |
|                      |                                     | Sevika Sangham             | Picnic   |
|                      |                                     | Yuvajana Sakhyam           | One Day Picnic with VBS students   |
| 31 Oct to 3 Nov.     |                                     |                            | Parish Convention – Convention speaker Evangelist Saji Marmon  |
| <b>NOVEMBER 2019</b> |                                     |                            |  |
| 1-3 Nov              | Fri to Sun                          |                            | Parish Convention- 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov Friday at 10 a.m. Fasting and prayer & combined meeting of Edavaka mission, Senior Citizens Fellowship and Sevika Sangham |
| 3 Nov                | Sun                                 |                            | Kudosh Eetho – Beginning of Liturgical Year  |
|                      |                                     | Sunday School Day          | World Sunday School Day  |
| 10-Nov               |                                     | Yuvajana Sakhyam           | Centre Kalamela  |
| 17-Nov               | Sun                                 | Sunday School              | Sunday School Annual Examination   |
| 26-28 Nov            | Tue-Thur                            |                            | Annual Clergy Conference At Charalkunnu  |

| DATE                 | DAY      | ORGANISATION               | ACTIVITY  |
|----------------------|----------|----------------------------|---|
| 24 Nov               | Sunday   | Parish                     | Ingathering worship starts at 8 am  |
| <b>DECEMBER 2019</b> |          |                            |   |
| 1-13 Dec             |          |                            | Christmas Carol Rounds - 7 pm   |
| 1 Dec                | Sun      |                            | Bible Society Sunday  |
|                      |          | Sunday School              | Sunday School- Birudhu Examination  |
|                      |          | Pune Centre Sevika Sangham | Pune Centre Sevika Sangham Christmas Get-Together   |
| 7 Dec                | Saturday |                            | 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Episcopal Consecration of Diocesan Episcopa – at St. John's MTC Khadki |
| 8 Dec                | Sunday   | Parish                     | 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Closing And Parish Day   |
| 14 Dec               | Saturday | Senior Citizens Fellowship | Centre Meeting at St Thomas MTC, Nasik  |
| 22 Dec               | Sun      | Choir, Sunday School       | Carol Service - 6:30 pm Christmas Programme   |
| 21 Dec               | Sat      |                            | Sabha Dinam programmme  |
| 17 Dec               | Sun      | Edavaka Mission            | Chakan visit from Parish  |
| 15 Dec               |          |                            | Neighborhood Christmas at Daund   |
| 25 Dec               |          | Edavaka Mission            | Christmas Worship At Chakan   |
| 25 Dec               | Wed      |                            | Christmas Holy Comm. Service 6 a.m.   |
| 31 Dec               | Tues     |                            | Holy Communion Service  |
|                      |          |                            | Watch Night Service - 9.30 pm   |
| December             |          | Sevika Sangham             | Mission Tour  |
|                      |          |                            | Orphanage Visit   |

### CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

on **Sunday, 22 Dec., 2019** at **6.30 p.m.**

### CHRISTMAS HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

on **Wednesday, 25 Dec., 2019** at **5.30 a.m.**

*We request your participation in the Service.*

## Congratulations!

Parish congratulates the following student and teachers for their achievements:

- **Miss Roja Mary Ranjth** – securing First position in Sunday School Teachers examination conducted by Mar Thoma Sunday School Samajam
- **Miss Jeni Anna Mathew** (12<sup>th</sup> standard) for securing academic excellence award from the Mumbai Diocese
- **Master Thomas Cherian** (10<sup>th</sup> Standard) for securing academic excellence award from Mumbai Diocese
- **Master Danny Abraham Thomas** – securing first position in Mumbai Diocese for the Birudu exam conducted by Sunday School Samajam.

## Wedding

The following members of our parish entered into holy matrimony during the last quarter. The parish congratulates the newly married couples and wishes them a blessed married life.

- The wedding of **Maj. Avi George**, son of Mrs. Saramma Varghese & Mr. V.T. Varghese (NIBM Prayer group) & **Ms. Anupama Rajkumar**, daughter of Mrs. Jaimala Rajkumar & Mr. Rajkumar was solemnized on 20th July 2019 at St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church, Pune
- The wedding of **Mr. Jacob Thomas** (Jeff) (Fatima Nagar Prayer group) son of Mrs. Roshin Thomas & Mr. Thomas Mathew with **Ms. Roshini Koshy** daughter of Mrs. Rachel Koshy & Mr. George Koshy (Magarpatta Prayer group) was solemnized on 21st September 2019 at Jerusalem Mar Thoma Church, Kuttapuzha, Thiruvalla.

## Baptism

- Miss Anupama Rajkumar (NIBM Prayer group) on 29th June 2019.
- Mr Ratheesh A (Camp Prayer group) on 10 August 2019.

We welcome them to the fellowship of our parish and pray for their spiritual growth and faith in the Lord.

## Representatives of Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association

- Mr. K.G. Jacob and Mr. Abraham Varghese were elected as representatives of Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association

## Transfer of Membership

- Mr. Subin Jacob (Ghorpuri Prayer group) has left for the U.K. He was an active member of St. Peter's Church Choir and Yuvajana Sakhyam for the last four years. Parish appreciates his fellowship and contributions. May God continue to bless him and family.

## Sabha Festivals & Important Days

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| Nov 1  | All Saints day                              |
| Nov 3  | Kudosh Eetho (Beginning of Liturgical Year) |
| Nov 30 | St Andrews the Apostle's Day                |
| Dec 1  | Beginning of 25 days Lent                   |
| Dec 21 | Mar Thoma Church Day (Sabha dinam)          |
| Dec 25 | End of 25 days Lent                         |

## Change of Address & Prayer Group

| NAME         | ADDRESS   | PRAYER GROUP                             |
|--------------|---|--|
| Sibu Stephen | Flat no B4-201, Eve's Garden Society, 35, Ward no 2 Lonkar Nagar, Keshavnagar, Mundhwa, Pune 411036 | From Ghorpuri to Magarpatta Prayer group |

### DEAR MEMBERS,

#### Details for online transfer are as given below:

Account Name : Mar Thoma St. Peters Parish  
 A/c No. : 0147 0530 0000 0971  
 IFSC Code : SIBL 0000 147  
 Bank : South Indian Bank, Camp Branch, Pune

Kindly inform Trustee of our parish the details of funds transferred through a text message for reconciliation of Bank Accounts.

## Birthdays

| BIRTH DATE          | NAME                     |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>CAMP</b>         |                          |
| 03-Oct              | John Joseph              |
| 07-Oct              | Ashok Stephen Thomas Dr. |
| 12-Oct              | Reenu abraham            |
| 17-Oct              | Gincy Abraham            |
| 31-Oct              | FranklinThomas Molakkal  |
| 04-Nov              | Nidhi Melvin             |
| 10-Nov              | Menila Alvin             |
| 11-Nov              | Jobin Joseph             |
| 14-Nov              | Grace Tharian            |
| 19-Nov              | Jason John George        |
| 21-Nov              | Kunjamma Mathew          |
| 25-Nov              | Saramma George           |
| 30-Nov              | John Thomas              |
| 01-Dec              | Daisy Thomas Dr.         |
| 01-Dec              | Valsa Joseph             |
| 06-Dec              | Lilly George             |
| 08-Dec              | Annamma Thomas           |
| 16-Dec              | Sabrina Sabu Cherian     |
| 18-Dec              | Joel Thomas George       |
| 19-Dec              | Nathaniel Thomas         |
| 29-Dec              | Jolly Cherian            |
| <b>FATIMA NAGAR</b> |                          |
| 04-Oct              | Ancy Thomas              |
| 12-Oct              | Alex N Varghese          |
| 21-Oct              | Annamma Mathew           |
| 30-Oct              | Jose Philip              |
| 31-Oct              | Dinah Varghese           |
| 31-Oct              | Susan Abraham            |
| 01-Nov              | Kuruvilla Jose Mathew    |
| 04-Dec              | Mathew N M               |
| 07-Dec              | Aaron Thomas             |
| 08-Dec              | Sam Zachariah            |
| 09-Dec              | Jijo George Varghese     |
| 15-Dec              | Elijah Mathew Zachariah  |

| BIRTH DATE      | NAME                      |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| 16-Dec          | Sam Varghese              |
| 31-Dec          | Allan Thomas              |
| <b>GHORPURI</b> |                           |
| 10-Oct          | Jasel Gigi                |
| 13-Oct          | Kunjamma Jacob            |
| 20-Oct          | Molly VArghese            |
| 21-Oct          | Manna Elizabeth Alex      |
| 22-Oct          | Sarah Koshy               |
| 23-Oct          | Joanna Maria Alex         |
| 23-Oct          | Joanna Maria Alex         |
| 24-Oct          | Ashish Mathew             |
| 30-Oct          | Alex Joseph Daniel        |
| 01-Nov          | Elizabeth Varghese        |
| 02-Nov          | Sosamma Aniyan            |
| 02-Nov          | Riya Aniyan               |
| 03-Nov          | Jacob Philip              |
| 07-Nov          | Anisha Renjith            |
| 12-Nov          | Mathew G N                |
| 12-Nov          | Roshan Benjamin Dr.       |
| 19-Nov          | Christy Aniyan            |
| 21-Nov          | Mercy Mathew              |
| 23-Nov          | Hrudya Sherin Eapen       |
| 23-Nov          | Merlin Sara Philip        |
| 26-Nov          | Thomas Vinod Kannankonari |
| 27-Nov          | Zachariah N V             |
| 30-Nov          | Thomas K T                |
| 02-Dec          | Tania Mary Zachariah      |
| 06-Dec          | Priya Susan Chandy        |
| 08-Dec          | Mariamamma Mathew         |
| 09-Dec          | Merlyn Mathew             |
| 12-Dec          | Chris Varghese Abraham    |
| 25-Dec          | Abraham Varghese          |
| <b>HADAPSAR</b> |                           |
| 02-Oct          | Preethy Jacob             |
| 04-Oct          | Samuel George             |

| BIRTH DATE     | NAME                    |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| 07-Oct         | Elizabeth Sarah Jacob   |
| 15-Oct         | Elwina Thomas           |
| 16-Oct         | Bency Varghese          |
| 17-Oct         | Aaron Shiju Samuel      |
| 20-Oct         | Saly Rajan              |
| 22-Oct         | Thomas Zachariah        |
| 24-Oct         | Thomas Samuel           |
| 03-Nov         | Samuelkutty D           |
| 08-Nov         | Nivi Menin              |
| 11-Nov         | Leelamma Varghese       |
| 11-Nov         | Linu Thomas             |
| 15-Nov         | Aswin Thomas            |
| 24-Nov         | Gracy Geevarghese       |
| 25-Nov         | Jacob K G               |
| 25-Nov         | Jerin George Varghese   |
| 28-Nov         | Mariamamma Daniel       |
| 29-Nov         | Mathew V C              |
| 20-Dec         | Bincy Benny Varghese    |
| <b>KONDHWA</b> |                         |
| 05-Oct         | Ankitha Rebecca Thomas  |
| 10-Oct         | Rebekah Roshan Varghese |
| 14-Oct         | Anish Abraham           |
| 14-Oct         | Kristina Ann Roy        |
| 18-Oct         | Josh Joseph Prince      |
| 19-Oct         | Jestin Kunjumon         |
| 19-Oct         | Jesty Kunjumon          |
| 21-Oct         | Chacko Chacko           |
| 21-Oct         | Jordan Roshan Varghese  |
| 28-Oct         | Roy Mathew Dr.          |
| 31-Oct         | Samuel A S              |
| 14-Nov         | Rejo Jacob Ninan        |
| 17-Nov         | Saramma Mathai          |
| 20-Nov         | Abraham M               |
| 20-Nov         | Jesudas Peter           |
| 22-Nov         | Agnes Robinson          |
| 24-Nov         | Rhea Mathew             |
| 25-Nov         | Anija Robinson          |

| BIRTH DATE        | NAME                   |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| 01-Dec            | Jonathon Jencin        |
| 28-Nov            | Mathew M               |
| 10-Dec            | Chinnamma Chandy       |
| 20-Dec            | Susamma Kurien         |
| 20-Dec            | Sera Ann Joseph        |
| 25-Dec            | Jewel Maria Prince     |
| 25-Dec            | Hannah Sara Mathew     |
| <b>MAGARPATTA</b> |                        |
| 01-Oct            | Cherian Vaidian T K    |
| 04-Oct            | Rachel Koshy           |
| 04-Oct            | Roshni Mary Koshy      |
| 11-Oct            | Shervin Shibu Varghese |
| 13-Oct            | Naethan Alexander      |
| 17-Oct            | Jobin Joy              |
| 07-Nov            | Sheba Susan George     |
| 13-Nov            | Regi Oommen            |
| 19-Nov            | Marykutty Joy          |
| 25-Nov            | Mathews Jacob          |
| 10-Dec            | Philip Mathew          |
| 20-Dec            | Leelamma Varghese      |
| 25-Dec            | Christin Mathew P      |
| <b>NIBM</b>       |                        |
| 16-Oct            | Johan John Varghese    |
| 19-Oct            | Varghese Mathew        |
| 26-Oct            | Chris V Mathew         |
| 27-Oct            | Anita Cherry           |
| 31-Oct            | Nimmy Varghese         |
| 05-Nov            | K C Abraham            |
| 09-Nov            | Alan George Varghese   |
| 19-Nov            | Sissy Oommen           |
| 21-Nov            | Varghese V T           |
| 21-Nov            | Elizabeth Philip       |
| 21-Nov            | Anju George            |
| 25-Nov            | P O Idicula            |
| 25-Nov            | Richy Merin Abraham    |
| 29-Nov            | Titus Cherry           |
| 03-Dec            | Anaya Maria Cherry     |

| BIRTH DATE            | NAME                 |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 17-Dec                | Saramma Varghese     |
| 17-Dec                | Divya Sarah Abraham  |
| 22-Dec                | Elizabeth George     |
| 24-Dec                | Philip Thomas        |
| 26-Dec                | Anamika Kumari       |
| <b>SINHAGAD ROAD</b>  |                      |
| 08-Oct                | Tincy John K         |
| 11-Nov                | Preethy Babu         |
| 15-Nov                | Leelamma John        |
| 10-Dec                | Sinu K Sam           |
| 10-Dec                | Sneha K Sam          |
| 20-Dec                | Meju Elsa Oommen     |
| 26-Dec                | Reena Alex           |
| 28-Dec                | Sheeba Babu          |
| 30-Dec                | Sanu S Thomas        |
| <b>VADAGAONSHERRY</b> |                      |
| 05-Oct                | Priscilla Alex       |
| 10-Oct                | Saramma Suku         |
| 14-Oct                | Litty George         |
| 23-Oct                | Chacko Koshy         |
| 27-Oct                | Sonu Suku            |
| 29-Oct                | Vanessa Alex         |
| 30-Oct                | Alby Jacob           |
| 31-Oct                | Angelica Koshy       |
| 06-Nov                | Amal Thomas Varghese |
| 20-Nov                | Abraham Daniel       |
| 22-Nov                | Akash C Boban        |
| 02-Dec                | Shirly Daniel        |
| 05-Dec                | Lelith Daniel        |

| BIRTH DATE       | NAME                   |
|------------------|------------------------|
| 05-Dec           | Subin C Boban          |
| 08-Dec           | Alex Rajan Philip      |
| 10-Dec           | Vyoma Libin abraham    |
| 18-Dec           | Anil Jacob             |
| <b>WANAWORIE</b> |                        |
| 13-Oct           | Saramma Varghese       |
| 14-Oct           | Linda Blesson          |
| 15-Oct           | Justin John Mathew     |
| 18-Oct           | Mon C Varghese         |
| 25-Oct           | Padma Rajan            |
| 27-Oct           | Leelamma Mathew        |
| 27-Oct           | Rhea Ann Eapen Kottil  |
| 28-Oct           | Merley Mathew          |
| 29-Oct           | Rajeev Varughese       |
| 31-Oct           | Annie Mathew           |
| 04-Nov           | George Koshy           |
| 07-Nov           | Priyanka Esther Diliip |
| 08-Nov           | Mary Ephraim           |
| 19-Nov           | Aiyden Kevin Ephraim   |
| 22-Nov           | Anaya Joseph           |
| 27-Nov           | Zubin Blesson          |
| 28-Nov           | George John            |
| 28-Nov           | Joshu Joseph Mathew    |
| 30-Nov           | Vivin Jose             |
| 02-Dec           | Rony John              |
| 10-Dec           | Rajan Daniel           |
| 10-Dec           | Jeni Anna Mathew       |
| 22-Dec           | Varghese Koshy         |
| 24-Dec           | Valsa Jose             |

**FAMILY WEEK**  
 from **20<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> Oct., 2019**  
*Theme: Family that worship and pray together*  
*Evening fellowships to be organized in all areas. Devotions in Malayalam & English and worship orders will be distributed*

## Wedding Anniversary

| DATE                | NAME                                    |
|---------------------|---|
| <b>CAMP</b>         |   |
| 04-Oct              | Thomas P V & Annamma Thomas             |
| 08-Oct              | Abji Abraham George & Sheryl Robin      |
| 29-Oct              | Thomas C Rev & Daisy Thomas Dr.         |
| 27-Nov              | Abraham K N & Marykutty Abraham         |
| 28-Nov              | George Abraham & Mary George            |
| 04-Dec              | Jitin Koshy T & Shruti Lakdawala        |
| 10-Dec              | Robie Thomas & Rubin R Thomas           |
| 27-Dec              | Sibin Thomas & Pitambari Parekh         |
| 28-Dec              | Sabu Cherian & Sarah Sabu Cherian       |
| 29-Dec              | George Thomas T & Annie George          |
| <b>FATIMA NAGAR</b> |   |
| 03-Oct              | Abraham C T & Sosamma Abraham           |
| 23-Nov              | C A Thomas & Ancy Thomas                |
| 26-Dec              | Varghese T V & Dinah Varghese           |
| <b>GHORPURI</b>     |   |
| 04-Oct              | Jacob Gigi & Rachel Gigi                |
| 17-Oct              | Zachariah N V & Mary Zachariah          |
| 20-Oct              | Alex Joseph Daniel & Remya Alex         |
| 24-Oct              | Jacob Philip & Annie Jacob              |
| 06-Nov              | Philip Jacob & Seenia Philip            |
| 14-Dec              | Eapen MATHew & Susan Eapen              |
| 14-Dec              | Jolly Zachariah & Shanti Mary Zachariah |
| 29-Dec              | Chris Nainan Varghese & Reena George    |
| <b>HADAPSAR</b>     |   |
| 14-Oct              | Jacob Mathew & Preethy Jacob            |
| 19-Oct              | Shiju Samuel & Deepa Shiju              |
| 20-Oct              | Benny Varghese & Bincy Benny Varghese   |
| 13-Dec              | Raju Varghese & Leelamma Varghese       |
| 17-Dec              | George Mathew & Indu George             |

| DATE                  | NAME                                    |
|-----------------------|---|
| <b>KONDHWA</b>        |   |
| 17-Oct                | Nirmal Paul Jacob & Ancy Thomas         |
| 27-Oct                | Abraham M & Leelamma Abraham            |
| 28-Dec                | Chandy T K & Chinnamma Chandy           |
| 28-Dec                | Rejo Jacob Ninan & Sera Ann Joseph      |
| <b>MAGARPATTA</b>     |   |
| 05-Nov                | Shibu Baby Varghese & Shiby Varghese    |
| 27-Nov                | Philip Mathew & Vincy Philip            |
| 29-Dec                | George John & Sheba Susan George        |
| 29-Dec                | Winston George Alexander & Keziah       |
| <b>NIBM</b>           |   |
| 25-Oct                | Philip Mathew & Anamika Kumari          |
| <b>SINHAGAD ROAD</b>  |   |
| 30-Dec                | Tojo K John & Preethi Mary Mathews      |
| <b>VADAGAONSHERRY</b> |   |
| 03-Oct                | Libin Abraham & Vyoma Libin abraham     |
| 24-Oct                | Thampy George & Licy George             |
| 25-Oct                | Bejoy Varghese & Twinkle Bejoy Varghese |
| 25-Nov                | Chacko Koshy & Molly Chacko             |
| 29-Dec                | Lelith Daniel & Steffi Serah Zachriah   |
| <b>WANAWORIE</b>      |   |
| 15-Oct                | V M Abraham & Molly Abraham             |
| 22-Oct                | Mathew T Joy & Merley Mathew            |
| 27-Oct                | Binu C Varghese & Preethy Binu Varghese |
| 30-Oct                | George Koshy (Dr) & Vandana George      |
| 10-Nov                | Sunny Mathew & Annie Mathew             |
| 14-Nov                | Varghese Koshy (Dr) & Junie Varghese    |
| 20-Nov                | Mathew P George & Sofia Mathew          |
| 27-Nov                | John George & Rony John                 |
| 27-Dec                | Thomas K V & Annama Thomas              |
| 28-Dec                | George Cherian & Saramma George         |



**30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Episcopal Consecration  
of our  
Diocesan Bishop  
Rt Rev Dr Geevarghese Mar Theodosius  
(Organized by Mumbai Diocese)**

**Date:** Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> Dec., 2019 at 2.30pm

**Venue:** St John's Mar Thoma Church, Khadki

**Chief Guest:** His Grace the Most Rev Dr Joseph Mar Thoma  
Metropolitan

*We solicit the presence of all parish members to  
show our respect to our beloved Diocesan Episcopa.*

## Organisation Schedule

| TIME     | ORGANISATION                   | DAYS           |
|----------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| 7.30 AM  | Sunday School                  | Every Sunday   |
| 12.00 PM | Yuvajana Sakhyam Meeting       | Every Sunday   |
| 10.30 AM | Edavaka Mission Fasting Prayer | Every Friday   |
| 6.00 PM  | Choir Practice                 | Every Saturday |

## Church Worship Schedule

| TIME    | SUNDAY                  | SERVICE           |
|---------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 9.00 AM | 1st, 2nd and 4th Sunday | Malayalam Service |
| 9.00 AM | 3rd Sunday              | English Service   |
| 9.00 AM | 5th Sunday              | Koinonia Service  |